

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 4 are currently pending in the present application and Claims 1-2 and 5-11 are canceled.

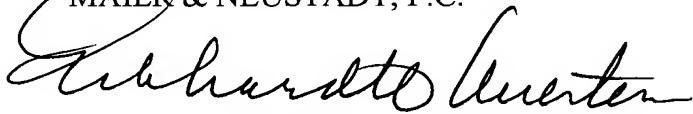
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Adams et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,744, hereinafter “Adams”); Claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Smith et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,784,358, hereinafter “Smith”); Claims 1 and 5-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Lee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,363, hereinafter “Lee”); Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Chiussi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,608,813, hereinafter “Chiussi”); Claim 3 was allowed and Claim 4 was objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In light of the cancellation of Claims 1, 2, and 5-11 the rejections to Claims 1, 2, and 5-11 are moot. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claim 3 and the indication that Claim 4 includes allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 3, which is indicated as allowable. Accordingly, the objection to Claim 4 is believed to have been overcome. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection to Claim 4 be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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